

LEAP ONLINE- UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON.

Hello, my name is Louise

I am a student here at the university and part of the first cohort of Trainee Nursing Associates.

Having left school 20 years ago, it was quite overwhelming starting university as an adult learner. I had no idea how to write and produce an assignment, that also had to include the use of Harvard referencing!

My tutor suggested that LEAP online was a useful resource to develop my skills in academic writing and referencing. Whenever I had time to spare, after working, attending university and looking after my own family, I would use leap online to hopefully help me to achieve the grades I hoped for.

After completing my first written academic assignment, I received valuable feedback from my tutor. However, I was made aware of improvements I could make to achieve higher marks in my next assignment. For example; academic writing (essays, reports and presentations), referencing, time management, critical thinking etc. Working through these activities on leap enabled me to achieve better marks in second university module.

A weakness of mine was delivering a presentation. This was my next assignment and my biggest fear! I had never felt confident public speaking, and nor had I ever put a presentation together or delivered one before. This was a huge stress to me at the time and so I decided to look on LEAP online. I found various activities that I could complete which would support my academic and personal development. Such as, how to prepare and deliver a presentation, communication, stress management and mindfulness. Completing these activities helped me immensely to achieve my goal in successfully delivering my presentation and achieving another good grade.

Completing the activities on LEAP online has provided me with the skills and knowledge and confidence to enhance my progress in all academic areas. I have so far achieved Grade A, in my first three university modules.

Gaining LEAP online badges has given me a sense of achievement and something to be proud of. I have also put copies of the badges earned on my personal development portfolio, to show my progress.